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Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			–Percent–		
Alfalfa	0	2	23	52	23
Cotton	0	9	47	37	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
			–Percent–	
Cotton – Harvest	66	55	64	67

Field Crop

For the week ending November 13, cotton harvest is complete on 66 percent of the acreage compared to 64 percent last year and the five year average of 67 percent. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and broccoli. Cantaloupes, honeydews, and other miscellaneous melons, green onions, spinach, iceberg lettuce, cauliflower, greens, and lemons were shipped from western Arizona.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending November 12. Temperatures ranged from 9 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Grand Canyon, and Safford to 4 degrees above normal at Coolidge, Gila Bend, and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Casa Grande, and the lowest temperature occurred in Flagstaff at 23 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 6 of the 17 reporting stations. Payson received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.26 inches, and various locations received the lowest amount at 0.05 inches.

Range and Pasture Conditions

During October, a few areas of Arizona's rangeland and pastures benefited from much needed precipitation. Other areas continued to dry out due to lack of significant rainfall. Grazing conditions varied widely with some areas poor to fair and other areas fair to good. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Soil moisture was mostly short, but stock water supplies continued short to adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, grazing conditions were mostly poor at low elevation, but fair to good in mid to high elevation grazing areas. Late October rains helped with soil conditions. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short to adequate throughout the entire region. Insect damage was light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to good depending on elevation and location. Conditions at mid elevation were mostly fair to good. Some high elevation areas were in excellent condition but other areas were rated only poor to fair. Generally, there was a lack of moisture, but plenty of dry feed was available. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were either in mostly poor condition or in mostly good condition, depending on elevation. Conditions were mostly poor in low and mid elevations, but were mostly good at high elevation. Some high elevation pastures were considered in excellent condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water was mostly short to adequate, but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
November 6 – November 12, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	44	9	73	35	0.05	9.26	8.46
Casa Grande	62	5	93	43	0.00	7.41	7.76
Coolidge	61	4	91	42	0.00	8.97	8.02
Douglas	55	6	84	34	0.00	11.66	12.32
Flagstaff	39	5	65	23	0.20	24.09	20.00
Gila Bend	65	4	92	46	0.00	4.38	5.85
Grand Canyon	40	9	67	25	0.05	15.15	14.68
Kingman	53	6	76	37	0.05	11.11	8.76
Parker	64	6	87	56	0.00	6.71	4.42
Payson	48	5	74	32	0.26	22.89	19.40
Phoenix	65	6	90	53	0.00	7.00	6.89
Prescott Airport	46	8	72	32	0.12	16.29	12.69
Safford Ag Center	55	9	87	37	0.00	8.09	8.62
Tucson	61	7	90	45	0.00	9.11	10.75
Willcox	52	8	83	33	0.00	8.57	11.66
Winslow	46	8	79	27	0.00	6.04	7.18
Yuma	67	4	87	53	0.00	5.99	2.52

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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